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Atmosphere at Race Track still upbeat after layoff notices

Kris Dubé
Editor

After 130 people were given layoff notices at the Fort Erie Race Track, one employee says the atmosphere is still upbeat and friendly.

Jill Bondy has served drinks at the Tiki Bar for three years and said everyone appears to be calm and collective, since it's not certain the track will be closed in 2014.

Employment law stipulates Fort Erie Live Racing Consortium employees must be provided an eight-week notice period.

The same was done at the end of the 2012 meet, since it was unknown what the future would involve, precisely the same reasoning behind employees receiving pink slips on Tuesday.

"After we received our papers, nobody really talked about it," said Bondy.

She said people don't appear to be any more or less worried than they were after

the final race day in 2012.

If anything, they're more familiar with the process.

"We have seen a lot of support from the community and had some really successful days, so everyone is hopeful," said Bondy.

Laryssa Smith is a supervisor with the Job Gym and John Howard Society in Fort Erie and said that over the years of uncertainty at the Fort Erie Race Track, they see an influx of people seeking employment counseling whenever the future of the border oval is in question.

"People have definitely been proactive around their job search, which is good," said Smith.

The John Howard Society also reaches out to the track whenever this grey cloud moves into town.

"Historically, we go out and offer some employment sessions to get the ball rolling for people," said Smith.

"It's no different than before, some of the people are used to it," she added.

Service Canada is at the Job Gym in Fort Erie on

Thursdays so individuals can learn more about employment insurance and other programs available.

Ted Mansell is the executive vice-president of the union representing employee at the Fort Erie Race Track such as cleaners, food and beverage staff, maintenance workers and those who work the mutual counters, taking bets from race fans.

He re-iterated that the track is not officially closing after this season and that Tuesday's news is exactly what took place last year.

"It's unfortunate though, we have to keep doing this year-in and year-out," said Mansell.

He said the Ontario government needs to help the horse-racing industry come up with a viable plan that covers more than 12 months.

"We need to impress that on the government. We need a long-term deal, renewable each year," he said.

Not all the 130 employees who received their notices on Tuesday are unemployed but Mansell estimated about 100 of them are.

"The bulk of them are."

He also estimated that the average wage for employees at the track is between \$14 and \$16 per hour.

"It's difficult because we have so many different employees with different pay scales," he said.

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Speedway officials insist properties will be purchased

Kris Dubé
Editor

Despite a few speed bumps, the Canadian

Motor Speedway is moving ahead, says the project's executive director and partner Azhar Mohammad.

One of the most important steps that needs to be taken is the acquisition of two properties that the Ontario Municipal Board

ruled need to be included in the plans if the \$400 million facility is built.

"We are still very much committed to purchasing their properties and ensuring their land will be acquired before the facility opens," said Mohammad in an email.

One of the landowners, Dick Jukosky, says he and his wife have not closed the possibility of selling their farm land off Gilmore Rd., but patience is wearing thin and to put it simply... he is not optimistic his property will be bought any time soon.

"We can't sit here at this age, waiting this long," said Jukosky.

It has been reported in the past that Jukosky has received monetary compensation on a monthly basis while the project has faced delays.

“I'm living my life as if I'm staying here but that doesn't mean I'm fighting against them. It doesn't mean I won't deal with them.”

— Dick Jukosky



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patience so that we can complete the remaining government requirements in short order," he added.

Jukosky admits he has received payments but takes exception to the suggestion that because of this there is no reason to grow impatient.

He couldn't disclose how much he has been paid but said due to various legal costs he and his wife are responsible for, it doesn't add up to much.

"I don't consider what they gave us a ton of money," said Jukosky.

The senior citizen from Ridgeway hasn't closed the opportunity to strike a deal if an offer is brought forward, but said he is planning the rest of his life as if he and his wife aren't going anywhere.

"I'm living my life as if I'm staying here but that doesn't mean I'm fighting against them. It doesn't mean I won't deal with them," said Jukosky.

He also claimed that he's not giving the speedway officials a deadline, a date when he will sever the possibility of his land being purchased.

"There's no limit. As long as I'm still alive, he said.

Mohammad said an informal groundbreaking should take place in about a month, which would be the first phase of the Miller Creek re-alignment.

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Barb Volzke, manager of Community Outreach Program Erie, stands next to some empty shelves at the food bank on Dufferin St.

COPE reaches penny drive goal

Melissa Mangelsen
Fort Erie Times

A local food bank is pleased with support seen from the community for its penny drive, says its manager Barb Volzke.

Supporters of Community Outreach Program Erie (COPE), are an example of building fellowship in the community that they call home.

With the discontinuation of the penny, and the growing amount of people who are leaning on COPE for assistance, manager Barb Volzke and assistant manager Mandy Crosby, decided to take advantage of the opportunity of people getting rid of their pennies by holding the fundraiser.

The penny drive, which began in July of last year, had a goal of collecting

\$10,000.

On July 31, a local couple donated \$1,125 and the target was reached.

Because of the success of the penny drive, Volzke said

it's something that they have continued to do at COPE and people are still donating. Earlier this week, a refillable water jug was dropped off by a local busi-

ness filled with pennies. They are also receiving donations from individuals.

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Millions of dollars lost in six years

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"Our archaeological teams have been working hard to clear the land allocated for the creek and on the basis of which CMS was able to receive its permit from the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority," said Mohammad.

A formal groundbreaking involving the public will be planned for a later date that has not been determined.

About two months ago, some artifacts were unearthed on the site and Mohammad said various Aboriginal community groups have been consulted to discuss the relationship between both parties if more are discovered and how they can partner with one another.

Mohammad said a completion by the third quarter of 2015 is still being targeted and that officials with the project are looking at ways to reduce construction time to stay on track.

Over the last six years,

Mohammad said the speedway's foreign investors from Kuwait have lost millions of dollars because of delays.

"We are currently looking at re-designing our initial track specifications in order to maintain the initial investment viability and to compensate for many of the addi-

tional studies and hard costs we have been absorbing, simply because the bureaucracy dictates it," said Mohammad.

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Do You Remember?

The identity of the gymnasts in last week's photo may have stumped readers, but the Museum is 'paw-sitive' that this

week's photo is too cute not to remember.

If you know this boy and his dog, please call the Fort Erie Historical

Museum 905-894-5322 or e-mail museum@forterie.ca. Best wishes to all students going back to school next week!



Trudeau admitting he used pot 'not a big deal'



Kris Dubé
Editor's Notebook

would not have been a good idea at all.

Back then, it was nowhere nearly as acceptable as it is today.

Last week, Trudeau publicly admitted to taking a toke on a handful of occasions and it's no surprise that the general public hasn't made too big of a deal out of it.

Through various media outlets, many Canadian residents were asked what they thought of Trudeau's

proclamation about being an occasional marijuana user and from the coverage I paid attention to, the average response could be summed into something along the lines of "I don't care" or "it's not really a big deal."

If I was approached by a TV news crew on a busy city street and asked for my thoughts on this, my answer would probably fit into the above summarization.

What I do think was unnecessary, is him even bringing it up at all.

Some people might say he's just being honest, but in my estimation it's an attempt to recruit a younger demographic of people to vote only on this issue.

People who know nothing about politics or have voted maybe once in their life, will remember Trudeau as "the guy who smokes weed" and take

this to the polls if they can put down the Doritos and get themselves off the couch that day.

Although I'm not sure why he even decided to mention it, this announcement is proof that we live in a completely different world than we did a couple of decades ago.

If someone running for Prime Minister publicly admitted to using marijuana 20 years ago, they wouldn't stand a chance

of being elected.

Today, it could be considered a wise and carefully thought-out political move to appeal to young voters.

Decades ago, anyone who was known by their peers as a marijuana user was likely shunned and cast as a bad person.

If Liberal leader Justin Trudeau was involved in politics during the era his father served office, admitting he smoked pot

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opinion page

Back-to-school money lessons for students

Dear Editor,

It's that time of year again.

With summer winding down and vacations coming to an end, many families are getting ready for the back-to-school season.

For kids, this means settling back into the school routine—and for many parents, it means back-to-school shopping.

These shopping excursions are a great opportunity to chat about money with your kids.

It's important to teach financial concepts from a young age to help kids learn money management and good financial habits.

While you're getting organized for the first day, consider involving your kids in the process. If you

have a budget for school supplies, share it with your child to explain that when you spend money on one item, that means there is less available for another.

Go through flyers together to look for back-to-school sales, and discuss the costs of similar products made by different brands.

There are many ways to teach financial basics to your kids.

Parents can find more tips and resources in the Teaching children about money life event at:

<http://paystoknow.gc.ca>.

Lucie Tedesco
Acting Commissioner
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Take the Times



Submitted

Fort Erie resident Jeff Parker recently went on a back-packing trip through Seattle, Wash. He brought a copy of the Fort Erie Times along for the adventure too.

Tax trip



LIBERTY TAX SERVICE Submitted
Marie Hoyle received an all-inclusive trip to Mexico through a national contest offered by Liberty Tax Service. She is presented the prize by officer supervisor of Liberty Tax Service Janet Andrey.

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Nowadays, most people who are users still may not want everyone to know about it. But I can assure you that many people with important jobs, business

owners and other prominent individuals with all the right priorities in their life are familiar with the hobby of marijuana use.

When I say familiar, I mean they do it regularly and still get up for work the next day and give it every-

thing they have and succeed while doing so.

Some people don't want to believe this because they are so used to having the same pre-mediated opinion about it and that's fine too.

But these individuals

should listen to the other side of the argument before they decide to not change their mind.

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Hard-working people familiar with pot



TONY RICCIUTO QMI Agency Niagara

Crystal Beach resident Kenney Jessop says a helmet saved his life when he was the victim of a hit-and-run last week.

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Helmet saves life of Crystal Beach man

Tony Ricciuto
QMI Agency Niagara

Kenney Jessop can't believe that someone would leave him in the middle of the road to die.

The 43-year-old Crystal Beach man was driving his e-bike southbound on Sodom Rd. crossing the bridge over the Queen Elizabeth Highway when he was struck from behind by a newer model vehicle.

The accident took place at about 3:20 a.m. last Thursday and Jessop was fortunate he wasn't struck by a second vehicle that was also coming down the road. That driver was able to stop in time and lend assistance.

"I was just riding down the road and it was a beautiful, clear night," said Jessop while recovering at home Thursday afternoon.

"I was just coming over the bridge that crosses the highway, I slowed down because there were a cou-

ple of cars coming from the off-ramp, they went and I didn't see anybody else. Then I just heard some squealing and a bang."

Jessop estimates he was thrown 30 to 40 feet after being hit from behind, possibly by a silver-coloured SUV or Mercedes.

Jessop is a DJ and was returning home from work when the collision occurred.

"The vehicle that hit me was out of control even before it hit me. It didn't even slow down. Thank God I was on an older e-bike. It has a heavy-duty steel frame. The back frame of the bike went through his radiator. The front end of that vehicle will have heavy damage," said Jessop, who hoped that if anyone saw the vehicle or if it was brought into a repair shop someone will call the police, before the driver was apprehended the next day.

"He just took off and left me. I was in the middle of the road and I couldn't move. I was able to lift my arm and wave at the next car coming off the ramp. They stopped

and called 911."

Jessop was taken by ambulance to the Greater Niagara General Hospital for treatment of his injuries.

He sustained numerous cuts and bruises to his legs, hips, shoulders, hands, arms and face. There's no skin in certain areas of his body where it came into contact with the road.

Jessop noted he is proof that a bike helmet can save your life. He reminds parents to make sure their children are wearing one. It's money well spent, he adds.

"My helmet saved my life," Jessop said, holding it up to show that a large chunk was missing from the back where it was hit. "I can't believe that someone just left me there to die. At the time all I was thinking about was my wife, my son, my mother and my friends. I thought I might have had a broken neck because I couldn't move."

Jessop said he is grateful to all those who stopped to assist, the police, paramedics and everyone at the hospital.

Police make arrest in hit-and-run case

Police made an arrest Thursday following a hit and run incident that left a Crystal Beach man battered and bruised.

Darren Masse, 18, of Niagara Falls is charged with failure to stop at the scene of an accident.

The incident happened at around 3:20 a.m. Thursday morning. Kenney Jessop, 43, was driving his e-bike southbound on Sodom Rd. crossing the bridge over the Queen Elizabeth Highway when he was struck from behind by a silver mini van.

Jessop estimates he was thrown 30 to 40 feet after being hit from behind.

Police said the vehicle that hit him was travelling at a high rate of speed

and left the scene without stopping.

Jessop was wearing a helmet while riding the e-bike. It suffered considerable damage. He said he is proof that a bike helmet can save your life and reminded parents to always make sure their children are wearing one.

Niagara Regional Police spokesman Rich Gadreau said alcohol was not suspected to be involved in the accident.

He said police found the suspect after receiving information the driver was trying to file an accident report, disqualifying it as an unrelated incident.

The driver was not the registered owner of the car, Gadreau said.

Masse was released from custody Thursday on a promise to appear for a court date in October.



Business as usual at Niagara public schools

No resentment between parents and faculty, says DSBN's human resources department

With last year's labour dispute behind them, the District School Board of Niagara is preparing for the return of its students.

And Jim Morgan, the DSBN's superintendent of human resources, said he's confident there's no lingering resentment among faculty, parents or the students themselves who could not participate in extracurricular activities much of the year.

"I think everybody's always excited at the beginning of the school year."

"We have a good student body who our staff work hard with at school, through extracurricular activities, through regular classroom work, through individual support for students," Morgan said.

The province and Elementary Teacher's Federation of Ontario settled the labour dispute in June, including a 2% wage hike for teachers and a paid incentive for teachers who use fewer than six full sick days in this school year.

Morgan said last year's labour dispute was between the teachers unions and the provincial government — not the school board.

"We have always had stable relationships with the unions and we continue to have stable relationships," he said.

"Certainly last year, our staff showed tremendous resiliency and certainly a strong willingness to resume those activities once they were given direction by their union."

Looking ahead to this school year, Morgan said he's confident that stable relationship will continue.

"As a board, I think DSBN is prepared to open all the schools Sept. 3. It'll be the start of another year."

Most parents, too, have put the dispute behind them and are looking forward to a fresh start next week.

Melissa Gomm, co-chair of the parent council at Quaker Rd. School in Welland, said the cancellation of extracurricular activities "might not have been great for someone with kids that really love the sports that were missed out on, but there was still effort by staff to be there for certain things that they didn't have to be there for."

When classes resume next week, it "will be great for everything to be completely back to normal."

"Kids will get all the activities they're used to and that sort of thing," she added.

Local ETFO representatives did not respond to requests for an interview for this story.

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Melissa Mangelsen
Fort Erie Times

For 50 years Rich's Fort Erie plant has held a special place in the community.

It was the first international expansion for Rich Products, which has since seen continuous growth throughout the world. It also launched Bob Rich Jr.'s career in business. When the facility launched in Canada in 1963, Rich's father asked him if he would take over the plant in Canada. Rich didn't pass up the opportunity and stepped into Canada to run the first international plant.

With expansions and joint ventures, Rich's Canada also includes sales and marketing offices, a second plant in Woodbridge, Ont. And 365 associates.

The Fort Erie plant employs 250 associates, which makes it the largest business in Fort Erie.

"The Fort Erie plant has such a great story and has always held a significant place in Rich's history since it was the first venture outside of Buffalo," said Rich. "It gave us the opportunity to build our sales and marketing offices as we traveled to all 10 provinces during those years. We were thrilled to commemorate the occasion with long-

time associates who continue to make the plant such an important part of the Fort Erie community."

The success of the business is credited to the dedicated associates who have been employed with Rich's in Fort Erie. About a quarter of the associates have stayed with the company for 25 years or more and they have some who have dedicated the last 40 to 50 years to the company.

"This company really deserves it."

Crator recalled a time when he was a young lad looking for work.

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Rich Products' Fort Erie plant manager Scott VeRost with Niagara Falls MPP Kim Crator at an event celebrating the company's 50 years of business in Fort Erie.

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The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day at The Municipal Centre, Conference Room 1 at 3:05 p.m.

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The Town of Fort Erie reserves the right to accept or reject any and all Tenders and to cancel this process at any time.

Rich's has 36 manufacturing locations around the world

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"I came to the factory here and applied - they didn't hire me, but I hold no grudges," he laughed.

Because of Rich's dedication to the community and worldwide growth it made it easy for the government to get involved and help them out. While Craitor has been MPP the government invested \$3.6 million in 2003, which went to a total \$20 million expansion that created 83 new jobs. The provincial government also backed a loan for \$3.9 million to help a new spiral freezer and gave the town \$1 million to remove a ramp from the QEW that has been stunting potential further expansion by the plant.

Plant manager Scott Velos presented Rich with a signed Canadian flag and gifts from associates.

"We have benefited from a strong legacy of continuous leadership at Fort Erie, from lay Rich who guided the facility for nearly 25 years to his son Howard who spent 16 of his 22 years in Canada as the division president," Rich said. "Tom Quinn, former plant general manager, really modernized the facility in the '90s during his 10 years there, and now Scott and his team are doing an outstanding job of carrying on the tradition."

"It has been a memorable week for all of the past and current associates at the Rich's Fort Erie plant,"



It has been a memorable week for all of the past and current associates at the Rich's Fort Erie plant."

— Scott VeRost

said VeRost.

The occasion was marked Aug. 23, with a presentation recognizing the many associates who have worked there and have made the plant the success that it is today.

Rich's was founded in 1945 by Robert Rich Sr., which was born from innovation - the world's first non-dairywhipped

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Brick to inconsiderate dog owners

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Bouquet to council's summer schedule

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Bouquet to the return of hockey and football

As a Blue Jays fan, this season was a complete disappointment. After some blockbuster trades before the season started, we were being considered World Series contenders but if you look at the standings today... that's not happening. Now, I'm looking forward to cheering for my favourite NHL and NFL teams because there's no use cheering for the Jays until next year when they hopefully do much better.



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Mayor Doug Martin at a 50-year anniversary celebration for Rich Products' Fort Erie plant on Hagey Ave.

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Maria Costa and Nino D'Ambra put the finishing touches on model Geena Gambin's hair at a fashion show in Ridgeway last year.

Salon holding charity fashion show

Melissa Mangelsen
Fort Erie Times

It has been said that the medical field treats the disease, but not the person, the mind or the soul. When a person is diagnosed with cancer their life almost immediately changes - a person can prepare for the treatment of the disease, but often find themselves struggling with coping, whether it is themselves who have been diagnosed, or a love one.

Wellspring Niagara focuses on the person, mind and soul through a variety of programs offered free to the individual. They rely on community support to continue to be successful.

On Oct. 4, at the Iatio Canadian Club in Fort Erie, Nino D'Ambra Hair and Aesthetics will be hosting their second annual fashion show entitled Vivere (live life), to raise money for Wellspring Niagara.

"We have all been touched by cancer. This is a great event to get people together who presently have cancer, have

battled it, had a loved one with it or for those who just support the cause," said Maria Costa, part owner of the local salon.

"The cause is very close to our heart - the idea began last year because I had a friend with throat cancer and another with breast cancer. We've also had clients who have battled cancer. We wanted to show our support, raise awareness and help out a good cause," she said.

Last year the fashion show raised \$6,000, which all went to Wellspring Niagara. This year they have raised the bar in their fundraising efforts to \$20,000. Costa said the benefit of having a fundraiser for Wellspring Niagara is that all the money raised stays in the community.

Their ambitious goal has been made a reality with some big named sponsors jumping on board, including Tim Hortons (event sponsor), Canadian Niagara Power (gold sponsor) and Sears/Hometown (silver sponsor).

The doors will open at 5:30 p.m., and continue on. There is a cash bar, a TV raffle, silent

auction, Chinese auction and of course, the fashion show.

Three Ferrises Boutique in Ridgeway, Jayset in Fort Erie and eBay business Niagara Vintage will be providing the clothing while Nino D'Ambra Hair and Aesthetics will be doing the hair for all the models.

Tickets for the evening are \$50, and are available in advance at Nino D'Ambra Hair and Aesthetics, as are raffle tickets for a TV. They are also accepting donations to Wellspring Niagara as well. They are located at 231 Garrison Rd., 905-871-6886.

If you're a local resident of the Greater Fort Erie Area and want to test your skills at modelling, there are still spots open for models.

"We're looking for local people and real people. We know many talented people through model agencies, but we're looking for the everyday Fort Erie resident," she said.

Information about Vivere can be found on their Facebook page, by calling Nino D'Ambra or by dropping by. The Iatio Canadian Club is located at 1101 DiPietro St.

NRP looking for a few good men and women

Karena Waller
OMI Agency Niagara

Niagara Regional Police are seeing more and more applicants choosing policing as a second career, as the service fills gaps left by officers retiring.

While younger students continue to apply to the service straight out of school, the NRP is seeing an increase in applicants from all walks of life.

"We're getting a lot of (applicants in their) 30s and 40s," said Sgt. Sandy Staniforth of the NRP recruitment unit.

"Some have jumped into a career and decided it wasn't for them, or some have lost their careers and have decided 'Now is the time to get where I wanted initially,'" she said.

Women are also entering policing after putting careers on hold to raise families, she said.

Recruitment by the NRP is a year-round process as the service continually works to fill openings as the baby boom generation retires.

"I know that potentially we have a

high number of officers that could walk out the door at any time," Staniforth said. "Until they walk out the door and put their papers in, we can't hire to replace them."

Finding qualified candidates can be tough, and the NRP doesn't always fill the spaces it has reserved at the Ontario Police College with new recruits.

The NRP hired 17 applicants two weeks ago, bringing the number of new recruits to about 25 so far this year.

Thirteen of those will go to police college in September and graduate by the end of November. The four other hires were from other police services and can hit the ground running.

"Every service is hiring within their limits of what they can, but personally I think Niagara has got a lot to offer," Staniforth said, adding the salary is competitive with every other service but cost of living is better in Niagara.

Also, the region's location is accessible to entertainment and travel.

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Beachcombers showcase artistic talents

Kris Dubé
Editor

The Beachcombers Senior Citizens Association wants the public to know about all the wonderful, artistic ability its members have.

An open house took place last Saturday at their headquarters on Ridge Rd. to showcase several painters, woodcarvers, and artists of many different mediums.

"So many of them are world class," said Brian Eatoek, an artist who had many of his paintings on display at the event, along with hand-crafted walking sticks.

He hopes more people in the community will show interest in the Beachcombers and everything the association has to offer.

"We're trying to enlighten people about what we do here," said Eatoek, who has been practicing his craft for over 40 years.

See Page 19 Stevensville resident Brian Eatoek with his art work last Saturday.



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Older candidates have life experience

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The service recently hired some applicants in their 40s. Stanforth said some older candidates may have more life experience that can help them with the sometimes bizarre

scenarios police encounter.

"As long as you can do the testing and finish the training and get through the process, you're really, I think, an attractive candidate."

The recruitment unit is holding an information session at the end of September to explain the process of becoming a police officer, which Stanforth said is more involved than a lot of applicants believe.

The service is looking for people who have an educational background, are mature, have integrity and are willing to serve the community.

They have to go through a certification process through the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police for comprehension, physical and behavioral testing before going through three rounds of interviews by the NRP.

Special skills are a bonus.

"In the olden days, you could say you were looking for big, strong people who can fight crime — we're a lot more technologically savvy nowadays," she said. "We need people who can keep up with that technology and fit those specialty units down the line."

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Woodworkers have won numerous awards at shows

From Page 18

After receiving a \$10,000 grant from the Trillium Foundation of Ontario, the Beachcombers were able to complete upgrades to their woodworking shop. The association's upgrades were completed last fall, with a total cost of \$15,000.

The upgraded shop has new equipment and a room in the back for carving.

With about 300 members, all over the age of 50, the

association offers various activities and classes including woodworking, cards, shuffleboard, crafts, woodcarving, camera club, light exercise, computer classes, darts, line dancing and painting.

The carving class takes place every Tuesday and Thursday morning and has about 10 members who come out for it. The class is currently full and now has a waiting list.

Roland King of the Beachcombers Senior

Citizen's Association said the quality of the work coming out of those classes has a lot to do with their instructor, Doug Maracle.

He resides in the Fort Erie area and has done work in stone, soapstone, bronze and wood. He is also known for using acrylic paints and coloured ink to produce quality pieces on paper.

Maracle carved a "little mountain man" with his knee up in buckskin, holding a Kentucky rifle with his jackknife. That piece was

presented to the Premier of France; the next one went to the King of Belgium.

"We couldn't ask for a better instructor," said King.

Maracle has branched out in other directions - creating books. His book entitled Ningawake's ABC Book was commissioned for adults learning to read and learn more about their Mohawk culture.

Under the instruction of Maracle, the woodcarving club at Beachcombers has won over 50 awards for their

work at both Hamilton and Niagara wood shows.

Though carving clubs aren't unique to the area, King said that they're unique as far as small clubs go. Many clubs their size do not have the quality facility that they have.

The open house and craft show will be an opportunity for the public to come and look at what the carvers have been working on.

The show will feature competition for the year's top three show winners. It's not limited to woodcarving

- the painting club, upholstery club and dresses for Africa will all be displaying their work, as well as others.

A membership booth will also be set up for those who are interested in joining the Beachcombers Senior Citizen's Association at a cost of \$15 annually.

The open house and craft show will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 237 Ridge Rd. in Ridgeway. For more information call 905-894-6106.

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Police services across Ontario will now be allowed to arm all frontline officers with Tasers.

Ontario's Ministry of Safety and Correctional Services has announced it will ease restrictions that currently allow only specific officers, such as supervisors and members of tactical units, to carry conductive energy weapons (CEWs).

"The use of CEWs has proven to result in fewer significant injuries to the public and police officers than many other use of force options," Minister Madeleine Meilleur said Tuesday at a press conference at the Premier's office in Toronto.

However, she stressed the decision has been in the works for a while and last month's deadly police

shooting of Sammy Yatim, 18, on a TTC streetcar was not at all a factor in the decision.

Tasers are a tool the Ministry has been examining since the devices were first introduced in Ontario in 2002, Meilleur said.

After careful review of research, discussion with numerous partners and numerous recommendations from Coroners' inquests, she said the Ministry had planned to reveal its decision in June but there was a delay.

Police services, several of which had representatives on hand for the announcement, will have to fund the Tasers on their own and decide which officers should be armed with the devices.

Toronto Police Deputy Chief Mike Federico said his service will look at arming some or all of its more than 2,800 frontline officers, but it will likely be at least six months before anything happens.

Among the changes to use of force policies, the province will require officers to receive 12 hours of training before they will be allowed to hit the streets armed with

a Taser. That's up from eight hours current requirement of eight hours.

"That extra four hours of training will be all about good judgement," Federico said.

Dave McFadden, President of the Police Association of Ontario, said officers across the province will be pleased by the decision.



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Medical marijuana grower says people have wrong information

Port Colborne man addresses concerns about his legal grow-operation

Dave Johnson
QMI Agency Niagara

Craig Ferguson hasn't applied to Health Canada for a 400,000 sq. ft. commercial marijuana grow operation, and he doesn't know where people are getting their information.

"It's wrong," said Ferguson, the owner of 462 Pinecrest Rd., the site of the former Mulleboon Greenhouses, in Port Colborne.

"I haven't even thought about it."

He said everything he's doing on the property, near the end of the road in rural Port Colborne, is legal and there's nothing wrong with what he's doing.

Ferguson is growing marijuana for medical use on the property, once owned by the Mulleboon family, who grew tomatoes in the greenhouses.

"We are not a commercial operation," he said in front of a packed council chamber, with many residents from the immediate area on hand.

Resident Kerry Fallon spoke out against the current operation, and said people in the area of Pinecrest Rd., Vimy Rd., Firelanes 2 and 3, had concerns about what was going on.

Fallon said since the property was purchased, installation of a chain link fence has been started, surveillance cameras put up and security guards are now on the property.

"It's a fortress ... it's .5 kilometres

from a boy scout camp ... 7 kilometres from a public beach ...," he said.

Fallon said the area is primarily residential and residents want information and facts about what is going on on the property. He suggested some sort of meeting between all parties.

Gary Dingman, who lives across the street from the greenhouse, said his property is now for sale. He told council he's not risking equity in his home and that property values in the area will decrease because of the operation.

Dingman said with Ferguson growing, processing, packaging, selling, and shipping the marijuana, he considers the operation an industrial use rather than an agricultural use.

"It doesn't conform to the neighbourhood."

Fallon and Dingman believe the city could do more to halt any possible expansion of the facility in the future.

City planner Dan Aquilina said there are no applications before council in relation to the property on Pinecrest Rd.

"There's no proposal for us to review."

Aquilina told council that federal regulations concerning commercial marijuana grow operations don't come into effect until April 1, 2014. He believed there would be nothing the city could do in relation to the operations even then.

Ward 4 Coun. Barb Butters wondered if Ferguson would consider attending a meeting with area residents and city staff, which he agreed to. Mayor Vance Badaway suggested Welland MP Malcolm Allen be involved since the commercial grow operations would fall under federal jurisdiction.

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Caregivers deliberately inducing health problems for attention

Study released about parents fabricating illnesses

A new Canadian report warns doctors to be on the lookout for a relatively uncommon but still potentially deadly form of child abuse: Parents or caregivers who fabricate illnesses in children then create symptoms.

"Pediatricians need to be suspicious when they see a child with a persistent or recurrent illness that can't be explained, especially where the signs or symptoms do not seem

credible," wrote the report's co-author, Dr. Harriet MacMillan, of Hamilton, Ont.'s McMaster University.

In her paper, published in the September issue of the journal *Pediatrics*, MacMillan argues for a new name for the condition that has been known as Munchausen by proxy syndrome, when a caregiver deliberately induces health problems in a child to get attention.

Caregiver-fabricated illness in a child is probably more common than doctors realize, she says. Kids can be permanently injured or disabled, MacMillan says, and between 6% and 9% of them die.

Protesters face new barriers at Marineland

John Law
QMI Agency Niagara

Lawsuits and injunctions aren't going to stop the return of a Labour Day tradition in Niagara Falls - protesting at Marineland.

Local animal activists plan to gather outside the park at noon Monday for a three-hour protest, the latest in a second since an injunction was handed down Aug. 9 against Marineland Animal Defense co-founder Dylan Powell, forbidding him and other protesters from using megaphones, disrupting Marineland guests or using words such as "torture" or "animal abuse" on signs.

Powell has said he could face "jail time or fines" if these orders are breached, and he spent the past few weeks stressing the importance of complying with them.

Compounding things, Marineland has leased two new sections of land from the city, including a public area in front of the entrance where several past protests were held.

But it won't stop M.A.D. from demonstrating, he insists. They'll just be more strategic.

"We have our marshalling system to make people aware and have made making that [court] order, and obeying it, a main focus since it was handed down," he says. "Beyond that we have to have faith in people and hope that they understand the weight of the situation."

Powell said Niagara Regional Police will be on site and ready to enforce the injunction. To prepare, M.A.D. will explain what

protesters can and can't do very clearly.

One of the biggest hurdles will simply be walking from one area to another. Protesters cannot walk past the Wego bus stop since that area is now leased by Marineland and no longer public property.

"We are far more concerned about that issue and how that could trigger a breach then we are with how those latest leases will [relocate] us."

Other activists will be taking their concerns offline. St. Catharines' Mike Garrett, facing a \$1.5 million lawsuit from Marineland for leafleting patrons as they exited the park, intends to continue his campaign in "the busier tourist areas" this weekend. "We'll continue our action of leafleting and talking with the public," he says.

Garrett has been given a temporary injunction from Marineland he intends to fight. Until then, he won't tempt fate by showing up at the park.

"(It) has some extremely vague restrictions, so I don't intend on going down there and possibly incurring an infraction."

After a heavy summer of

protests last year, Marineland has fought back with six lawsuits and the construction of a chain-link fence running the entire length of the park.

It's all part of an ongoing struggle, says Garrett.

"The message continues out to get out. This is a long battle, it's not going to be solved in one summer. The pressure on Marineland is at its most intense point in its entire 50-year history."

Powell points out that despite the injunction, Marineland did not get everything it wanted. The judge refused to grant the park's request to keep protesters at least 500 feet away.

Pacing a \$1.5-million lawsuit of his own, Powell says Marineland's recent actions will only "strengthen" his campaign.

"I want to see this industry collapse and the animals on site removed to actual sites of care and out of the for-profit captive animal industry."

Likewise, Garrett feels "empowered" by his lawsuit.

"It's going to give me a great opportunity to go to court, tell my side, and make sure our rights of public protest and free speech are upheld in this country."



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Cheryl Collins of Niagara Falls at a recent protest in front of Marineland.



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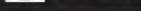
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Long-term Niagara forecast: No trouble with normal

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Abnormally normal. That pretty much sums up the summer's weather and long-term forecast.

And now both Environment Canada and The Weather Network are calling for near-normal conditions in coming weeks, as fall makes its chilling arrival.

"We're looking at a fairly typical fall, all in all," says Gina Ressler, a meteorologist with The Weather Network, which just issued its Niagara forecast through November.

Over the next few weeks, however, the thermometer may bump up more than seasonal on many days.

"But we're not expecting that to last right through the fall," Ressler said. "We are expecting the pattern to shift to a cooler one at some point."

It also doesn't mean a "boring" autumn, she said. "We are going to see some ups and downs, but we (should) come out about average."

Precipitation, while harder to predict accurately over the longer-term, is forecast to be about normal through the autumn.

Environment Canada's David Phillips offers a similar prognosis, with temperatures possibly a bit balmy and drier than average through the fall.

And nothing wrong with that, said Phillips adding this summer also heralded very typical weather statistics.

"Really, the best weather is normal weather," he said.

This summer in Niagara, "it's been surprisingly but delightfully boring. The temperature has been right on nor-

mal."

The average reading from May to August was a seasonal 16.5°C, and there were 13 days above 30°C, which is also the norm. Last year racked up 33 of those summer scorcher.

Precipitation was within 10 millimetres of average and there were no smog days compared to 16 of them in 2012.

"In terms of agriculture, comfort, spending money on air conditioner bills, and

from a health point of view, it's been far better this particular summer," Phillips said.

"My sense is there's still

three weeks to go before the fall comes astronomically," Phillips said. "So, we shouldn't write the final chapter on summery-like

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"Right now, things are looking very favourable for us."



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Certain antibiotics, and in particular metronidazole, has the potential when mixed with alcohol to make people quite ill. When taken together a patient may experience low blood pressure, shortness of breath, facial flushing, and nausea.

Diabetic patients taking hypoglycemics such as GLYBURIDE or insulin are at risk of severe hypoglycemia (low blood sugar) when they drink alcohol. These patients should limit alcohol to an occasional small drink.

Any patient on medication for sleeping should be careful of alcohol consumption because of the additive effects of drowsiness and respiratory depression. Patients have been known to aspirate their own vomit and die from intoxication. This could be more likely to happen if a person mixes alcohol with their sleep medication.

This same problem could exist when patients mix alcohol and opiates.

It is always wise to consult your pharmacist or physician if you receive a new prescription and intend to have a few alcoholic beverages. Also please notify your physician or pharmacist if you are a chronic drinker. Even if you are not planning to drink while taking your prescription previous liver damage could affect how well you metabolize your medication. This could result in too high, or too low a dose for you.

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Picking the right school for your child

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Not all parents feel traditional public school education is right for their children.

While Niagara's four public boards take in the vast amount of local kids, there's a plethora of alter-

native education options available, too. And this family is a broad one — from private and Christian schools, to specialized teaching methods and homeschooling.

Mos offer specialized niches and a focus on particular values and educational experiences.

Among the most vulnerable of the private facilities is Ridley College in St. Catharines, a 640-student school, founded in 1889.

"Ridley really provides a global learning community, and we have students from about 42 countries that are set to arrive," said Andrew Weller, the college's executive director of advancement.

"It's what students in this area will get here," he said. "You're going to be in an international community that reflects what your real world is going to look like

when you get there."

Montessori is another teaching philosophy that forms the foundation of a number of Niagara private schools. That method focuses on the child-development theories of Maria Montessori, an Italian educator.

Edu Varalli, school head at the St. Catharines private and Montessori-accredited Wheatley School, describes it as a "peaceful approach of education."

"Montessori was a visionary ... and she also designed curriculum that coincided with the brain development of children," Varalli said, adding these techniques are taught in training centres.

Other alternatives schools are a hoped-for work in progress.

One is led by Kassandra Marie, a teacher in the humanistic Waldorf education method — a worldwide movement based on the educational philosophy of Austrian philosopher Rudolf Steiner.

Marie, from St. Catharines, has taught for Waldorf schools and is trained in those techniques.

She wants to see Niagara parents come together to create a school based on the values of "head, heart and hands" education.

"I think this would be a great schooling initiative to have in Niagara," she said. "This enhances creativity and imagination."

"It honours the whole child — it's a developmentally-based education that really works on the academic and practical arts."

Smithville Christian High School administrator Ted Harris said his facility is aimed at parents "for whom a Christian perspective on the world is important."

Matching a family's home Christian values with scholastic ones is key, he said.

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Regional councillor's radio show not renewed

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QMI Agency Niagara

An outspoken St. Catharines regional councillor won't be back on the airwaves with his local radio show.

St. Catharines Coun. Andy Petrowski's contract with local station 610 CKTB has not been renewed, the station confirmed Tuesday.

Petrowski hosted an hour-long Sunday show dubbed The Region, formerly a tag-team effort with the late Welland Coun. Peter Kormos. The Jim Fannon Show will air in its place.

"Our agreement with Andy was for six months and we chose not to renew it," CKTB program director Tim Parent said in an email.

"We are constantly reviewing programming on CKTB, looking for ways to enhance our content. This is just part of that process."

Petrowski touted his list of guests, from local bloggers to Niagara Regional Police Chief Jeff McGuire.



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Cannons' season comes to an end

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The local baseball team has been eliminated from the Niagara District Baseball Association playoffs after a hard-fought series against the Welland Pirates.

The Cannons were founded in 2004, and the most recent regular season was the best they've experienced since then with a 17-7 record.

Welland defeated Fort Erie in a best-of-three series at Oakes Park last Friday night.



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Fort Erie Cannon Chris Patterson is waved home by Justin Hall in last Friday's loss to the Welland Pirates. The Cannons were eliminated from the playoffs in the first round, despite having their best regular season record since the team started in 2004.



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Ridgeway driver has sights set on two titles in one season

Kris Dubé
Editor

Gary Lindberg is pace to be the top driver in his class at two Niagara raceways.

The 31-year-old Ridgeway resident is in the final stretch of his third full season in auto racing in the sportsman class at Both Humberstone and Merrittville speedways.

Racing back-to-back nights on Saturdays and Sundays all season, Lindberg sits with a comfortable lead at Humberstone after this past weekend's races with 634 points, 34 ahead of the second place driver Greg Panucci.

At Merrittville, he held a lead going into Sunday's card of races but now finds himself eight points behind leader Cody MacPherson as they head into the final event this weekend.

Lindberg has had a growing interest and passion for racing since he was a child and for many years drove vintage race cars in the amateur ranks.

Now, he's taking things a little more serious but certainly having some fun at the same time.

He has finished first at

Humberstone six times this season and once at Merrittville.

"Right from the very beginning, it's been very good this year," said Lindberg at his Ridgeway home, while he and his brother, Paul worked on his car for last weekend's double-header.

Modest about his success on the dirt track so far in only his third season of competitive racing, Lindberg said the results are a bit of a surprise.

"We didn't plan on winning the points this year, but we definitely planned on winning more races," he said.

Although it is not set in stone with one race date left

on the schedule at both tracks, his lead at Humberstone is a little more comfortable than where he is in the standings at Merrittville.

"We really need to pick it up there, but we've been pretty consistent every week," he said.

Countless hours are devoted to the maintenance of his race cars, but says this has a lot to do with how the season has gone so far.

"It depends on your set-up, the work you get done in the garage and the hard work of your crew," he said.

He is also thankful for all the local businesses that have contributed to his season.

"You need to have good sponsors to do well," he said.

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Fort Erie Meteors alumni Dave Sheck, left, and Chuck Gates

KRIS DUBÉ, Fort Erie Times

Meteors alumni reflect on the glory days

Kris Dubé
Editor

It doesn't seem like 35 years ago for Dave Sherk and Chuck Gates.

The two line-mates were part of the Fort Erie Meteors in the 1978-79 season when the local Jr. B squad won the league championship and reflecting on that era, both said it was one of the best times of their lives.

The comradeship in the dressing room and chemistry after the puck dropped is what took them all the way to the finals.

"That's how champion-

ship teams end up winning. They have to get along on and off the ice," said Gates.

Sherk was the leading scorer in the league with 53 goals and 49 assists but modestly described the season as nothing short of an enjoyable experience, shared with his friends on the team.

"We had a great time together" said Sheck.

They both reflected on the crowds the Fort Erie Meteors used to draw, saying that back then catching some Jr. B action at the old East End Arena was often considered the most popular form of entertainment for local residents.

"It was different back then because it was the only game in town," said Sheck.

Gates said attendance was nowhere near what it is today for Meteors games.

"During playoffs, they used to line up to get in," said Gates, estimating about 2,000 fans would be in attendance.

If any lessons were learned during their championship experience, Gates said it's how putting in your best effort can result in being rewarded.

"It definitely taught us about dedication. We had to work hard," said Gates.

He said that back then, players didn't get too ahead of themselves and expect their on-ice career would go past Jr. B.

They simply played for the moment.

"We never thought about making the NHL. We parked our egos on the bench," said Gates.

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BEACH, Alice Rose - Credited to her need to live with her God, Alice died in her home in Fort Erie, where she loved and served faithfully on August 23rd, 2013 in her 100th year. Predeceased by her husband Glenn I. Beach, her youngest daughter, Ruth (Vince) Guerra and grandson, Dennis Beaton. She is survived by her children, Rheta (Bill) Kauffeld, Robert (Linda) Beach and Lavonne (Ken) Switzer, her many grandchildren and great grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and many friends. Born in the USA, she met her husband at Anderson College in Indiana. She served God faithfully in ministry in various places including the Ozarks, Ontario, and India. Alice enjoyed credit cards, as well as being astute with her money. All who knew her appreciated her loving ways, great knowledge and wisdom. She touched many people throughout her life, always positive and active, serving God and others to the end. She will be remembered for the gentle aspect of her life. Alice leaves a wonderful Godly legacy and is greatly missed. **WILLIAMS FUNERAL SERVICES** 722 Ridge Rd. N. Ridgeway entrusted with arrangements. Visiting hours are welcome to call from 2-4 & 7-9 on Wednesday August 28th. Funeral Services in the funeral home on Thursday at 11 am. Interment to follow in Emmanuel Lutheran (Formerly Beach Cemetery). In lieu of flowers, donations to Camp Kahiqual where she made many memories would be appreciated.

GORDON, Muriel - Passed away on Friday August 23rd, 2013 at the Douglas Memorial Hospital in Fort Erie at the age of 87. Wife of the late Roy. Proud mother of Robert and James (Debbie). She is fondly remembered by her 12 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. She was a kind and gentle person, often extended family and friends. Predeceased by her daughter in law Corrine. At Mary's request, private services will be held and will be entrusted to **WILLIAMS FUNERAL SERVICES**, Fort Erie. If no donation, donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated. The family wish to extend their appreciation for the compassionate and diligent care provided by Dr. C. O'Neil and Dr. C. McLean of the Douglas Medical Park Lodge and the Douglas Memorial Hospital and to granddaughter Nikki Train for her love and support.

McGIVERN, Cheryl Ann - Peacefully at Crescent Park Lodge, Fort Erie, Thursday August 22, 2013, at the age of 57. Sadly missed by her parents Ron and Betty Hane, brother Brian Hane, and children Destiny and Sean. Cheryl worked for many years at the Fort Erie Royal Oak. Her memory will be held in the hearts of all who were blessed to have known and loved her. Heartfelt thanks to the nursing staff at Crescent Park Lodge, GNGH and Douglas Hospital for their care and concern. Special thanks to her son, John Ingman who gave her strength during her journey home. At Cheryl's request, cremation has taken place. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated Friday, August 30 at 1:00 pm. at St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church. Rite of Committal to follow. Arrangements entrusted to **NIAGARA FUNERAL ALTERNATIVES**, 905-894-0120.

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TUNNACLEFF, Edgar Ellis - On Tuesday August 27th, 2013 Ed passed away at Douglas Memorial Hospital as the age of 70 years. He is survived by his sons Ed and Jamie (Melissa) Tunncleff and granddaughter, Leah. Ed was predeceased by his parents Earl Ansor and Grace Elva (Bud) Jones, brother Terry and sister Jennifer. A graveside service will be held on Friday August 30th, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. at the Hamilton Cemetery, 161 Carbon Rd, Port Credit. In memory of Ed, those who wish may make a memorial donation to Canadian Cancer Society. **WILLIAMS FUNERAL SERVICES**, Ridgeway entrusted with arrangements.



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